I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The newspaper/broadcast

cross-ownership cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

Dear Mr Powell,

I am writing to oppose the loosening of the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. Freedom of speech and diversity of media opinions is one of the most precious of our country's freedoms, and I beg you not to restrict them to the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. If we are not fighting a war to preserve freedom, then what are we fighting for?